

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 923

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Hunter Daniel on winning at the 2008 TSSAA State Wrestling Championship in his weight category.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those gifted student-athletes, who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of our State; and

WHEREAS, Hunter Daniel, a senior at Rhea County High School, is one such noteworthy athlete who recently attained an unparalleled measure of athletic success when he captured the Tennessee Secondary Schools Academic Association (TSSAA) State Wrestling Tournament's 140-pound title in February of 2008 at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's McKenzie Arena; and

WHEREAS, with roots tracing back to the ancient Greeks and the early Olympics, wrestling is a most demanding sport, and Mr. Daniel has proved himself to be a remarkable wrestler and a valuable teammate; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous champion drew strength from the support of his teammates, and he received vital encouragement from his coach, Zac Brown, who was named the Chattanooga area Coach of the Year in 2007 by the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the state tournament, a dedicated Hunter Daniel challenged himself at practice every day by wrestling teammate Jacob Henley, a champion in the 125-pound category; and

WHEREAS, in the state tournament, Mr. Daniel (34-5) found himself matched against Austin Sohr (35-8) of Franklin Road Academy; Hunter drew upon his competitive spirit and unsurpassed ability to take down Mr. Sohr in just twelve seconds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daniel continued to ride his opponent for the next three rounds, tallying five takedowns, two neutral points, and a technical violation point before being declared the winner by a 13-6 decision; and

WHEREAS, the victory was especially sweet for Hunter, as he had been suffering tremendous pain during the match due to the rupture of a bursitis sac in his elbow; and

WHEREAS, in addition to winning this year's TSSAA state title, Mr. Daniel also earned medals at last year's state tournament, further distinguishing an already spectacular high school career; and

WHEREAS, Hunter Daniel epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are vital in achieving success and that are also characteristic of a true Tennessean; the talent and determination exhibited by this young man surely bode well for his future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daniel's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Hunter Daniel on winning the 2008 TSSAA State Wrestling Championship in the 140-pound category, applaud his impressive high school wrestling career, and join with his family, friends, coaches, and teammates in celebrating his achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.